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SUBJECT: PRE-31ST UNGA CONSULTATION

REF: (A) STATE 220772, (B) STATE 220773,

1. CHARGE SAW DAGBA, CHIEF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES DIVISIONS
MFA, SEPTEMBER 10 ON RANGE OF ISSUES COVERED REFTELS. APPROACH,
HOWEVER, HAMPERED BY NON-RECEIPT--DESPITE SEVERAL SERVICE MESSAGES--
OF SECTION 3 REFTEL A.

2. FOR OPENERS, CHARGE ASKED DAGBA FOR RUNDOWN ON COLOMBO SUMMIT.
DAGBA CHARACTERIZED MEETING AS PRODUCING ROUTINE RESTATEMENT OF
THIRD WORLD/NON-ALIGNED POSITIONS ON OUTSTANDING WORLD ISSUES
AND DOUBTED SUCH REPETITIVE RESOLUTIONS OF MUCH CONCERN TO
U.S. CHARGE STATES U.S. WAS LEGITIMATELY CONCERNED WHEN U.S.
INTERESTS INVOLVED. FOR EXAMPLE, U.S. DISTURBED BY ONE-SIDED
RES ON KOREA AND ONLY CONSOLATION WAS LARGE NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS.
HE RAN DOWN TALKING POINTS IN REF B. DAGBA, QUOTING FROM FOREIGN
MINISTER HUNLEDE'S SPEECH IN 30TH UNGA GENERAL DEBATE, SAID TOGOLESE
POSITION WAS SIMPLY THAT SOLUTION IN KOREA DEPENDED ON WITHDRAWAL
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OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM PENINSULA. ALTHOUGH CHARGE COULD NOT

AGREE WITH THIS POSITION, HE NOTED IT LESS TENDENTIOUS THAN UN
REP TOGBES INTERVENTION IN COMMITTEE ONE, WHICH HAD EVEN DENIED
REALITY OF 1950 NORTH KOREAN AGGRESSION.

3. IN RESPONSE TO LEADING QUESTION HOW TOGO SAW 31ST UNGA SHAPING
UP, DAGBA SAID HE EXPECTED REPETITION DEBATE ON WORLD'S UNSOLVABLE
PROBLEMS, MIDDLE EAST, SOUTHERN AFRICA, KOREA, COLONIAL REMNANTS,
ETC. TOGO'S APPROACH TO THESE ISSUES BASED ON CLEAR PRINCIPLES
AS EXPRESSED IN NON-ALIGNED AND OAU POSITIONS. TOGO WOULD
SUPPORT DE-COLONIZATION, IN EVERY CASE, AND ALL CONDEMNATIONS
OF ISRAEL AS LONG AS IT OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS. ON SOUTHERN AFRICA,
WHICH WAS UNGA ISSUE OF MOST IMPORTANCE TO TOGO, TOGO WOULD
JOIN IN ALL RES. CONDEMNING APARTHEID AND MINORITY RULE. QUESTION
OF INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF BANTUSTANS WOULD BE COMING UP SOON,
AND TOGO VERY OPPOSED TO ANY MOVE WHICH WOULD GIVE RESPEC-
TABILITY TO SAG'S RACIAL POLICIES.

4. DRAWING ON REFTELS, CHARGE SAID THAT ON MOST ISSUES U.S.
AND TOGOLESE AIMS, IT NOT APPROACHES, COINCIDE. USG CONCERNED,
HOWEVER, THAT UNGA DEBATES NOT COMPLICATE NEGOTIATIONS OR,
WHERE NEGOTIATIONS NOT POSSIBLE NOW, POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATION
AT SOME FUTURE DATE. IN THIS CONNECTION, RAN OVER TALKING
POINTS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA AND CYPRUS. ON MIDDLE EAST, U.S.
WAS LOOKING FOR WAY TO REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS BUT THIS COMPLICATED
BY LEBANESE TRWGEDY.

5. RECALLING PAST CONVERSATIONS, CHARGE SAID LEGITIMATE CONCERN
FOR REMNANTS OF COLONIALISM SHOULD NOT LEAD TO RAISING OF FALSE
ISSUES LIKE PUERTO RICO. DAGBA SAID PUERTO RICO WAS ONLY MENTIONED
AT COLOMBO IN GENERAL POLITICAL RESOLUTION AND DID NOT GENERATE
MUCH INTEREST. HE DOUBTED ISSUE WOULD BE PUSHED VERY HARD AT
UNGA. CHARGE NOTED NUMEROUS RESERVATIONS AT COLOMBO; AND EXPRESSED
DISAPPOINTMENT TOGO DID NOT ENTER RESERVATION. WE AGREED ISSUE
DID NOT HAVE NON-ALIGNED CONSENSUS.

6. BEFORE LEAVING, CHARGE ALSO RAN OVER TALKING POINTS ON IOPZ.
DAGBA DID NOT COMMENT.

7. COMMENT: DESPITE APPOINTMENTS OF NEW MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS KODJO AND NEW B.N. REP. KODJOVI, TOGOLESE POSITIONS
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ON STAPLE UNGA ISSUES UNLIKELY TO CHANGE. CERTAINLY CONVERSATION
WITH DAGBA GAVE NO HINT OF FLEXIBILITY. STYLISTICALLY, HOWEVER,
NEW FACES COULD LEAD TO LESS PREACHY TOGOLESE INTERVENTIONS.
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